

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 19, 2006
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; PETER HAHN, Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation; RICH PERTEET, Interim Design, Planning and Programming Supervisor; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; MARTY WINE, Assistant to the CAO; KAREN BERGSEVIK, Human Services Manager; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; BEN WOLTERS, Economic Development Director; COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
AJLS: International Cultural
Shadow Boxes, Hazen High
School Students

Mayor Keolker stated that she began the shadow box project when she became Mayor. She pointed out that a few shadow boxes filled with items of cultural significance are displayed in the 7th floor hallway of City Hall along with a world map on which countries that have representation in Renton are highlighted. Noting her desire for many more shadow boxes, Mayor Keolker reported that Hazen High School teacher Celeste Brady volunteered to coordinate the effort.

Human Services Manager Karen Bergsvik explained that students in Ms. Brady's English as a Second Language U.S. History Class created the cultural shadow boxes by involving friends, family members, and the cultural community in the determination of the contents of each box. Ms. Brady noted that although initially the students worked in culture-type teams, they soon evolved into mixed cultural groups supporting and advising each other to develop their boxes.

The following students described the cultural significance of the contents of their shadow boxes, and then gifted the boxes to the City of Renton: Hao Phung, Vietnam; Chun Ho, China; Yuliana Frias and Rocio Nunez, Mexico; Tatyana Pyarastari and Kristina Pyarastari, Russia; Olga Ciobanu, Moldova; Rekik Solomon and Tigist Aschenaki, Ethiopia; Sophan Seng, Cambodia; and Sunny Naimdii, Mongolia.

The student presenters were given certificates of appreciation in recognition of their efforts to promote diversity and culture in Renton communities and neighborhoods. Alfonso Nunez, Reyna Dias, and Celeste Brady were also presented with certificates of appreciation.

Added
PROCLAMATION
Renton Lutheran Church Day -
6/25/2006

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring the day of June 25, 2006, to be "Renton Lutheran Church Day" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Pastor Martha Myers accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Renton Lutheran Church. Councilwoman Nelson recognized the many contributions of the church to the Renton community.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * President Bush recently honored Norma McQuiller, City of Renton Neighborhood Program Coordinator, with the President's Volunteer Service Award for making a difference in the lives of others.
- * It is "All Aboard for a Night with the Stars" at the Renton Cinema at Liberty Park on Saturday nights this summer. The park opens for seating at 7 p.m. Saturdays, July 1 through August 26, with movies starting at dusk.
- * The public is invited to attend an open house regarding the re-master planning for Liberty Park, Cedar River Park, and the Narco Property, referred to as the Tri-Park Master Plan. The open house will be held on June 28 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Buck - The Landing Project, Expenditure of Public Funds

Peter L. Buck, 2025 1st Ave., Suite 500, Seattle, 98121, reported that he is an attorney for the Alliance for the South End, a Washington non-profit with Renton citizens as its members. He stated that Council is being rushed to make decisions pertaining to The Landing project, and expressed concerns regarding the funding of the proposed parking garage and its connection with the area's roadway improvements, and the generation of revenues. Mr. Buck posed the following questions for Council's consideration: 1) Are the tenants Renton counts on to generate revenue dependent on a movie theater; 2) Is the theater dependent on a parking garage; and 3) Does the developer expect the City to fund the garage.

Citizen Comment: Petersen - The Landing Project, Highlands Area Crime Statistics

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, expressed concern regarding the revenue generation and legal entanglements related to The Landing project, and the moving forward of the subject area's road improvements. On another topic, Ms. Petersen questioned the crime statistics reported for the Highlands area. She noted that if statistics are gathered from incident history reports, they may be incorrect, as the listed incidents may lack important details.

Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Edmonds Ave NE, Traffic Safety Concerns

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, expressed her pleasure with Neighborhood Program Coordinator Norma McQuiller's recognition by President Bush for her volunteer efforts. Additionally, she expressed concern regarding speeding traffic on Edmonds Ave. NE, noting the accident that occurred on May 31.

Citizen Comment: Saffle - Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park

Betty Saffle, 15281 Oak Dr., Renton, 98058, reported that she lives in the 55+ Wonderland Estates mobile home park located at Maple Valley Hwy. and 149th Ave. SE. She stated that an advertisement found on the Internet indicates that the owner is trying to sell the property unbeknownst to the residents of the park. Ms. Saffle noted that the area will potentially be annexed to the City of Renton. She expressed concern regarding the possible displacement of the residents, saying that many cannot afford to move and have no place to go as the number of mobile home park sites in the area are in decline.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington confirmed that the mobile home park is within Renton's Potential Annexation Area, and that staff will investigate the matter. Mayor Keolker stated that information regarding State regulations pertaining to mobile home parks will be transmitted to the concerned parties. It was also suggested that residents contact their State representatives, King County Councilmembers, and the King County ombudsman.

Citizen Comment: Holman -
The Landing Project, Chamber
of Commerce Support
Resolution

Steve Holman, Renton Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman, 95 S. Tobin St., Renton, 98055, read a resolution approved by the Renton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and its 600 members. The resolution supports The Landing project and urges Council to approve the expenditure of infrastructure funds necessary for this project to begin.

Citizen Comment: Sharpe -
Wonderland Estates Mobile
Home Park

Linda Sharpe, 203 S. 2nd St., Suite H11, Renton, 98055, stated that she co-owns a mobile unit at Wonderland Estates (located at Maple Valley Hwy. and 149th Ave. SE), and expressed concern regarding the potential sale of the park. She referred to regulations adopted by the City of Mountain View, California pertaining to the assumption of costs by mobile home park owners for the displaced residents and the municipality, and encouraged Renton's review of the matter. Pointing out that Wonderland Estates contains 109 units, of which 88 are currently occupied, Ms. Sharpe voiced her concerns regarding the fate of the age 55+ residents, many of whom are low-income or disabled. Although it may be too late for Wonderland Estates, she asked that the City protect the mobile home parks that are within its jurisdiction as they provide low-income, affordable housing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of
6/12/2006

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 6/12/2006. Council concur.

Appointment: Municipal Arts
Commission

Mayor Keolker appointed Marie McPeak, 409 Jefferson Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Hoben, who has resigned (term to expire 12/31/2006). Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 05-194, Community
Center Storage Room
Additions, Flag Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 12/15/2005 for CAG-05-194, Renton Community Center Storage Room Additions; eight bids; engineer's estimate \$100,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Flag Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$163,989. Council concur.

CAG: 05-164, Henry Moses
Aquatic Center Lighting
Improvements, Scott's Electric
Service

City Clerk reported bid opening on 10/27/2005 for CAG-05-164, Henry Moses Aquatic Center Lighting Improvements; four bids; engineer's estimate \$140,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to second low bidder, Scott's Electric Service, LLC, in the amount of \$239,344.77. Refer to Finance Committee for discussion regarding the irregularity with the low bid.

Public Works: Purchase of
Two Hybrid Vehicles

Planning/Building/Public Works Department requested a briefing regarding the purchase of two hybrid vehicles for the City's fleet. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation: School Zone
Flashing Lights, WA Traffic
Safety Commission Grant

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Washington Traffic Safety Commission for a grant in the amount of \$52,500 for school zone flashing lights at four elementary school sites. City's match is \$37,000. Council concur. (See page 214 for resolution.)

Utility: Sanitary Sewer Flows,
Skyway Water and Sewer
District

Utility Systems Division requested approval of an agreement with Skyway Water and Sewer District to allow for the conveyance of a portion of the district's flow through the City's system. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

CAG: 06-068, South Lake WA
Roadway Improvements,
Ceccanti

Council President Corman presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to award the South Lake Washington Roadway Improvements construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Ceccanti, Inc. in the amount of \$19,443,826.60 which is Alternate #2 - Concrete. The improvements will extend Logan Ave. N. from N. 6th St. to the existing intersection at Garden Ave. N. and Lake Washington Blvd. N., N. 8th St. from new Logan Ave. N. to existing Park Ave. N., N. 10th St. from new Logan Ave. N. to existing Garden Ave. N.; and will realign and widen existing Park Ave. N. from N. 8th St. to new Logan Ave. N.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract with Ceccanti, Inc., in the amount of \$19,443,826.60. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Council President Corman commended staff for their efforts on the roadway improvements project, and pointed out that the analysis they conducted addressed attorney Peter L. Buck's comments at last week's Council meeting regarding this project. Mr. Corman stated that the tax revenues are there for the roadway improvements. He indicated that discussion will occur in the future about the density on all the acreage of The Landing project and it is not tied to the roads in any way.

Transportation: Outgoing
Interim Design, Planning &
Programming Supervisor
Recognition

Mayor Keolker recognized the contributions of Rich Perteet to the City of Renton over the last six months as Interim Transportation Design, Planning and Programming Supervisor, and she expressed her appreciation for his service.

Finance Committee

Budget: 2006 Amendments,
South Lake WA Infrastructure
Improvements (The Landing)

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the 2006 Budget amendment ordinance for infrastructure improvements regarding The Landing project. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the budget amendment ordinance to provide for the creation of Fund 318, South Lake Washington Infrastructure Project, the addition of two limited-term employees, and budget authority in the amount of \$24,925,587.

The Committee further recommended approval to grant authority to proceed with the project and its related implementation steps, including road improvements and a Limited Tax General Obligation Bond sale. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding the matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 215 for ordinance.)

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Lease: AirO Inc, Airport

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending approval of an Airport building and ground lease agreement with AirO, Inc. for a portion of the 790 Building and 17 adjacent parking stalls.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Lease: Boeing Addendum 21,
Airport, LAG-65-877

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding Addendum #21 to the Airport lease with The Boeing Company. The Committee recommended approval of Addendum #21 which completes the leased area turnback, allows certain fire water system modifications and transfers, and eliminates Boeing's right to recall portions of Apron C. The Committee also recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease addendum. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CAG: 06-025, Airport Security
Gate Replacement, CA Carey
Corporation, FAA Grant

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to accept the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant in the amount of \$150,000, and also the bid from C.A. Carey Corporation in the amount of \$478,186.88 for the Airport Airside/Landside Separation Improvement Project Phase 2 (Security Gate Replacement) Project.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the FAA grant application and grant offer and the contract with C.A. Carey Corporation. The Committee also recommended that the resolution regarding the FAA grant application be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 214 for resolution for FAA grant agreement.)

Transportation: Airport
Maintenance Dredging &
Shoreline Mitigation,
Parametrix

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding the contract for the Airport Maintenance Dredging and Shoreline Mitigation Project Phase I. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the contract with Parametrix, Inc. in the amount of \$139,500 to design and secure the permits to dredge the silt and debris choking the approaches to the seaplane base ramp and docks.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract with Parametrix, Inc. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Streets: Hoquiam Ave NE
Temporary Closure

See page 214 for the Transportation Committee report regarding the temporary closure of Hoquiam Ave. NE.

Planning & Development Committee

Planning: Street Grid System
Amendments

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending that a public hearing be held on 7/10/2006 to consider the proposed amendments to City Code Title 9, Section 11, Street Grid System, and to consider changing the names of two recently annexed street sections that would not conform to the amended street grid system as follows:

- a) Vesta Ave. changed to Vantage Ave. or Blvd.
- b) Portions of NE 31st St., formally known as SE May Valley Rd., changed back to SE May Valley Rd.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Springbrook Creek
Wetland & Habitat Mitigation
Bank Instrument, WSDOT

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank Instrument with the Washington State Department of Transportation. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding the approval of the mitigation bank instrument and the other agreements, subject to Council review and approval of the other agreements, be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 215 for resolution.)

Community Services Committee

EDNSP: 2006 Neighborhood
Program Grants

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the 2006 neighborhood grant projects. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following grant awards:

1. Heritage Garden Estates Homeowners Association – Detention pond landscaping, rototill area, remove debris, and plant and stake 76 Leland Cypresses. The project is located on Beacon Way (\$7,225).
2. Clover Creek Homeowners Association – Right-of-way improvement; remove existing weeds and blackberries; plant a mix of Heavenly Bamboo, Thuja Emerald Green, and Blue Fescue Grass; and add beauty bark and crushed rock. Project location is along Lake Washington Blvd. N. and Burnett Ave. N. (\$2,722).
3. Talbot Hill Neighborhood Association – Gateway improvements Phase III entails more landscaping, including juniper tams, bark, and cemented solar lighting (\$2,165).

The Committee further recommended approval of funding for the following administrative newsletter applications:

1. Nautica by the Lake – Annual printing for six newsletters a year distributed by newsletter box at mailbox kiosk (\$82).
2. Rolling Hills Homeowners Association – Annual printing for monthly newsletter distributed door-to-door (\$300).
3. Talbot Hill Neighborhood Association – Annual printing expenses for a newsletter printed twice a year and distributed door-to-door (\$275).

The first round of applications total \$12,769, leaving a balance of \$37,231. A second round of funding will follow, with a deadline for applications of 9/29/2006. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Appointment: Airport
Advisory Committee

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the appointments of South Renton neighborhood alternate representative Robert Bonner (term to expire 5/7/2008), and Airport Leaseholders primary representative Michael O'Leary (term to expire 5/7/2007) to the Airport Advisory Committee. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: Lake WA
Trail South Lake Connector,
WSDOT Grant

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the interlocal agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation and all subsequent WSDOT grant agreements necessary for a \$500,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement grant for the Lake Washington Trail South Lake Connector Project. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See later this page for resolution.)

Community Services: Henry
Moses Aquatic Center, 1% for
Art Project

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an etched stainless steel mural as a 1% for Art project at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center, approve the use of \$10,887 in Fund 125 reserves for the project, approve the total budget of \$23,261.08, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with Doug Kyes in the amount of \$1,500 for design and installation supervision. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Councilwoman Nelson noted that the mural, which depicts Duwamish Indian tribal life, will be placed on the outside of the building.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3818

Transportation: School Zone
Flashing Lights, WA Traffic
Safety Commission Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission for a \$52,500 grant towards the school zone flashing beacon/lighting project, for four school sites. **MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3819

Transportation: Lake WA
Trail South Lake Connector,
WSDOT Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a local agency agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to obtain \$500,000 of TEA-21 Enhancement Grant Funds for the project design of the connection between the Lake Washington Trail in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and the Cedar River Trail. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3820

Airport: Security Gate
Replacement, FAA Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program grant application and acceptance documents to help fund the construction of the Airport Airside/Landside Separation Improvement Project Phase 2 (Security Gate Replacement) Project, and authorizing the Airport Manager as the City's official representative in this matter. **MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Streets: Hoquiam Ave NE
Temporary Closure

It was noted that the Transportation (Aviation) Committee report regarding the temporary closure of Hoquiam Ave. NE was not reported out under Unfinished Business.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation for the temporary street closure of Hoquiam Ave. NE from NE 7th Pl. to NE 9th St. to take place between June 26 and June 30, 2006, extended upon weather conditions, to

allow construction work for the Hoquiam Ave. NE roadway improvements project. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See below for resolution.)

Resolution #3821

Streets: Hoquiam Ave NE
Temporary Closure

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary total closure of Hoquiam Ave. NE from NE 7th Pl. to NE 9th St., from June 26 to June 30, 2006. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3822

Utility: Springbrook Creek
Wetland & Habitat Mitigation
Bank Instrument, WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank and associated legal instruments. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/26/2006 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2006 Amendments,
South Lake WA Infrastructure
Improvements (The Landing)

An ordinance was read creating a fund for the South Lake Washington Infrastructure Improvements Project. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/26/2006. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5212

Finance: Utility Tax
Exemption

An ordinance was read adding Sections 5-11-4 through 5-11-8 to Chapter 11, Utility Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code to establish a utility tax relief program. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Mayor Keolker thanked the residents at Leisure Estates for bringing this proposal before the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Council: Meeting Cancellation
(7/3/2006)

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 7/3/2006 COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

Board/Commission: Highlands
Area Citizens Advisory
Committee

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGHLANDS TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: DeMastus -
Utility Tax Exemption

Sandel DeMastus, Highlands Community Association (HCA) Vice President, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, noted that the HCA also worked with the City on the matter of the utility tax relief program.

Councilman Clawson indicated that this matter has been around for a long time and the Administration was finally able to find a way to put it into action. He acknowledged everyone's contributions, saying it was a team effort.

Citizen Comment: Petersen -
Various

Inez Petersen, Highlands Community Association Secretary, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, expressed concern regarding the lack of acknowledgement on the record of correspondence to Council. Referring to the topic of eminent domain, she noted the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Kelo et al. v. City of New London et al. Ms. Petersen further noted that

federal bill H.R. 4128, Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005, remains in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Regarding the subject of The Landing project, she voiced concern regarding the amount of the projected revenues.

Council President Corman acknowledged Ms. Petersen's concern regarding Council correspondence, noting that the matter will be reviewed. Mayor Keolker indicated that all of Council's policies have been referred to Committee of the Whole for review, and noted that staff is following the Council's current correspondence policy.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:36 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
June 19, 2006